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Rub on wood,
Something good.

If you rub your forefinger, and it itches, you will be disappointed.
For the first baby a cradle must be bought.
If you have two, you will be married twice, or go twice to a wedding.
If a knife is dropped, the first visitor will be a lady ; if a fork, a man.
If you spill salt, put some on the stove, or on your right shoulder, three times.

If you put your shoes in the shape mentioned, saying,

Place your shoes in the form of a T,
Hoping my true love for to see,

you will dream of the person.

Jane H. Newell.

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

WEATHER PROVERBS IN THE UNITED STATES. — The following circular, issued by head of the Weather Bureau, is self-explanatory. It is here reproduced in order that it may be brought to the notice of members of The American Folk-Lore Society, and other persons who may be able to render assistance in the task undertaken : —

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

WEATHER BUREAU, WASHINGTON, D. C., *August 1, 1892.*

It is desired to make a new collection of the Weather Proverbs of the United States, and to make it as complete as possible. For this purpose your coöperation is requested. Should you have the kindness to send me a list of such proverbs, please distinguish, when practicable, between those which are of American origin and those which have been imported, giving, when possible, the origin of each, whether Indian, Scotch, English, Irish, German, etc. By a prompt compliance with this request you will very much oblige,

Yours respectfully,

MARK W. HARRINGTON, *Chief of Weather Bureau.*

VARIOUS SUPERSTITIONS.—(1.) *The Use of Salt.* — After renting a house to a colored woman, she complained to me that she had so much salt to buy, as the last tenant had left both witches and spirits behind her ; indeed, as she said, “the house was just full,” and the only way to get rid of them was to salt all the objects, especially all the flowers, floors, and especially to throw a great quantity of salt up the chimneys. Beside, she had to wear it in her shoes and stockings, and her husband's clothes had to be well salted. After this thorough salting, they remained in the house several years without any further trouble.

(2.) *Christmas Wreaths after Candlemas.* — It is an old superstition that all the Christmas wreaths and evergreens must be taken away before Candlemas, or there will be a goblin for each leaf.

For look how many leaves there be
Neglected there (maids, trust to me) ;
So many goblins you shall see.